

No amendment is being made to the claims. The status of each claims is indicated in parenthetical expression following the claim number.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

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cont.
1. 1. (Previously Amended) A method of treating an established distressed tree, a root system of the distressed tree planted in soil comprising the steps of:
creating a mixture comprising a fertilizer and a growth hormone; and
applying the mixture to a root area of the soil to treat the root system of the distressed tree.
 2. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the growth hormone is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid and 3-indolebutyric acid.
 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the distressed tree is a Post Oak.
 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the mixture comprises a mixture of powders.
 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the mixture comprises at least one liquid.
 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein the fertilizer has a nitrogen content in the range of about 10 to about 25 percent by weight, a phosphorous content in the range of about 5 to about 20 percent by weight, and a potassium content in the range of about 5 to about 20 percent by weight.
 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the fertilizer comprises a liquid.
 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of creating a mixture further comprises the step of adding a fungicide.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said fungicide comprises the tetramethylthiuramdisulfide.

10. (Previously Amended) A mixture for treating roots of an adult distressed tree, said roots planted within soil, comprising:

a fertilizer; and

a root growth hormone selected from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, and wherein said fertilizer and said growth hormone are selected to be effective to treat said roots of said distressed tree within said soil.

11. (Original) The mixture of Claim 10 wherein said root growth hormone comprises about 0.1% by weight of a powder.

12. (Original) The mixture of Claim 10 wherein said root growth hormone comprises about 0.1% by weight of a liquid.

13. (Original) The mixture of Claim 10 wherein a proportion of said root growth hormone is selected to provide an effective dosage of about .355 milligrams per application site.

14. (Original) The mixture of Claim 10 wherein said fertilizer comprises a powder having a nitrogen content in the range of about 10 to about 25 percent by weight, a phosphorous content in the range of about 5 to about 20 percent by weight, and a potassium content in the range of about 5 to about 20 percent by weight.

15. (Original) The mixture of Claim 10 wherein said fertilizer comprises a liquid.

16. (Original) The mixture of Claim 10 and further comprising a fungicide.

17. (Original) The methods of Claim 16 wherein said fungicide comprises tetramethylthiuramdisulfide.

18. (Original) A method for treating a distressed tree comprising the steps of:
creating a hole in a root area of a tree; and
applying a mixture comprising a fertilizer and a root growth hormone in the hole created in the root area of the tree.

19. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 18 and further comprising the step of forming the mixture comprising the substep:
selecting the root growth hormone from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 18 wherein said step of creating a hole comprises the step of creating the hole with water jet.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 18 and further comprising the steps of cyclically following said step or applying saturating the tree root area with water and drying the root area.

22. (Previously Amended) A kit for treating an established distressed tree having a root system disposed within soil comprising:
a mixture comprising a fertilizer and a growth hormone;
a container for holding the mixture; and
a tool for applying the mixture to the root system within the soil.

23. (Original) The kit of Claim 22 wherein the growth hormone is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, and derivatives thereof.

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Conced. 24. (Original) The kit of Claim 22 and further comprising instructions for applying the mixture to the distressed tree.

25. (Original) The kit of Claim 22 and further comprising an implement for applying the mixture to the distressed tree.
